Subject: RE: security light emergency [vandalism will happen if the lights aren't fixed]
From: "Michael Gatanz" <Michael@PeoplesPlaceSP.com>
Date: 05/08/2017 02:52 AM
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Hi Lorena: The situation in the alley without the lights is gradually getting worse again. It is totally dark back there after dark. More vagrants, more trash, more scavenging, more dumping [the trash pile (probably a contractor-dump) across the alley behind Sirens back alcove has been there for a few days now], more people just sauntering down the alley, more fast-bike-riding opportunists, ...

Since they have not been re-installed I'm now wondering what triggered that action in the first place?
Did PBID or someone else request taking them down? Or request making them dim lights? Are they actually really going to be re-installed? Or is there some discussion of something that is taking place in the background? As best i can tell there was no notice to property owners or business owners. The lights have now been gone, simply uninstalled, for a week or more now.

This is, and always has been a security issue. And yet it's being treated like a walk in the park? Is that just a government thing, or is something else going on?

Irony in relation to this: Until the lights went missing i had recently been saying at meetings, like the Business Committee meeting, that our alley had become the best it ever has been in the last 7+ years. And then the lights get removed. And not re-installed. And the long time that it is taking now has me be concerned and questioning, as above, like, 'what's "really" going on here? They do not care about security?

Note: Prior to the lights being removed, the one remaining problem in the middle part of the alley is Siren's alcove. It's a very convenient sleeping place for those who want. PBID Security does a very good job with it; but it's too much for them.

I know it would not necessarily be fair to ask Sirens to put a gate on the welcoming space; since they don't use the back alley they could see it as not really their problem.

But i'm wondering if they might be willing to put a gate on that hiding place if some funding for it could be found. I don't have a source of funding in mind at this time [and i know it would not be PBID]. But first step would be to determine 'if' they would be willing to put a gate on it; and if so, how much funding would be needed.

This is very important to us at People's Place: Jan leaves the building after dark (since our classes run after dark), and since that alcove is so dark and so hidden, she never knows if there is someone in there or not. It is a very creepy situation (even when the bright alley lights were working). We also for events and classes have other teachers and guests park in our lot, and they HATE it; a year ago after Alina's car got vandalized twice (both times prior to 9:30 pm) she refused to park in back any more. And that vandalism occurred while the lights were installed and working.

Every day those security lights are not there; the whole alley is much less secure.

Since you knew what LADWP was doing, i'm assuming that you requested something or that they told you what they were planning. I called them, twice, and had long conversations and they played dumb both times; as if they did not even know the lights were missing. Now i'm wondering why was that.

So I'm asking for your help on this.
It is a worrisome situation every day now.

Thank you.

> -------- Original Message --------
> Subject: Re: security light emergency [vandalism will happen if the lights aren't fixed]
> From: Jan Kain <jan@peoplesyogahealthdance.com>
> Date: Thu, May 04, 2017 10:51 am
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> Lorena,
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> Thank you for answering. It is a very dangerous situation. I feel very threatened when I go to my car now. I hope it gets resolved quickly.
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> Jan
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On May 4, 2017, at 8:06 AM, Lorena Parker <lparker@sanpedrobid.com> wrote:
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> > Michael,
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> > LADWP is supposed to be changing out the lights. It would have been more efficient to do that all at once.
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> > I will find out when they plan on installing the new lights.
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> > Thanks for letting me know.
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> > Best regards,
> >
> > Lorena Parker
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On Thu, May 4, 2017 at 7:35 AM, Michael Gatanz <Michael@peoplesplacesp.com> wrote:

> Hi Lorena:
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> The security lights behind 355 W 6th St [the pole on the downhill side of People's parking lot]
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> AND the the one down the alley [approximately behind Brewco] are GONE.
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> - They are not just 'out' but [it appears to me that] the fixtures are removed.
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> IF the fixtures are gone [and it appears that they are] it would be either intentional removal by dwp or theft.
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> Before those lights were put up a few years ago vandalism was very common in the alley [car windows smashed in among other things].
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> In the last few months the alley has become the best it has ever been - that is because Theo in particular of PBID security has been doing an extremely good job of reducing the security risks in the alley [the primary problem left now is that Siren's back alcove (cubby/hiding-place) is a favorite place for a few to hide in (pulling the dumpster across the alcove to secret themselves).
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> Without those lights the alley is very dark and will quickly return to opportunistic prowling and theft and vandalism.
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> Every night that goes by without those lights replaced will be high risk for property damage -- and some risk (and certainly some level of fear) for those who leave the buildings in the dark area after dark.
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> I consider this a security emergency.
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> Thanks for any help you can provide with this situation.